

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A crotch-possessing corrective garment, comprising:

a lower abdomen portion fitting over a lower abdomen area of a wearer;

a hip portion fitting over a hip and buttock area of the wearer;

a crotch portion fitting over a crotch area of the wearer;

~~an integrated tightening portion in an area which fits over a wearer's body, the tightening portion extending, when the garment is being worn, from a vicinity of an upper part of a buttocks cleft of the wearer, passing vicinities of upper parts of a right and left buttocks of the wearer, to vicinities of a right and left greater trochanters of the wearer; and~~

an integrated body front tightening portion made of material having a tightening force and extending, when the garment is being worn, from above the[[a]] crotch of the wearer at a front center of the garment toward above a right and left of the crotch of the wearer,

wherein the integrated tightening portion and the integrated body front tightening portion exert a greater compression tightening force on respective body areas of the wearer than other portions of the garment.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): The crotch-possessing corrective garment according to claim 1, wherein the magnitude of [[a]] the compression tightening force of the tightening portion varies along the area.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): A crotch-possessing corrective garment, comprising:

a lower abdomen portion fitting over a lower abdomen area of a wearer;

a hip portion fitting over a hip and buttock area of the wearer;

a crotch portion fitting over a crotch area of the wearer;

~~an integrated right tightening portion and an integrated left tightening portion in areas fitting over a wearer's body, each of the tightening portions extending, when the garment is being worn, from the vicinity of the right or left greater trochanter of the wearer to the vicinity of an upper part~~

of the right or left buttocks of the wearer and toward the vicinity of an upper part of the buttocks cleft; and

an integrated body front tightening portion made of material having a tightening force and extending, when the garment is being worn, from above the crotch of the wearer at the front center toward of the garment above the right and left of the crotch of the wearer,

wherein the integrated right tightening portion, the integrated left tightening portion, and the integrated body front tightening portion exert a greater compression tightening force on respective body areas of the wearer than other portions of the garment.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The crotch-possessing corrective garment according to claim 2, wherein the compression tightening force of the tightening portion is strongest in the vicinity of the upper part of the buttocks cleft of the wearer.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The crotch-possessing corrective garment according to claim 4, wherein the compression tightening force of the tightening portion gradually weakens in a direction passing the vicinities of the upper parts of the right and left buttocks of the wearer and extending toward the vicinities of the right and left greater trochanters of the wearer.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): The crotch-possessing corrective garment according to claim 1, further comprising thigh portions which fit over the wearer's thighs, wherein the tightening portion further extends from the vicinities of the greater trochanters of the wearer along the outer borders of the thigh portions of the wearer.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): The crotch-possessing corrective garment according to claim 6, wherein the tightening portion further reaches ankles of the wearer.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): The crotch-possessing corrective garment according to claim 1, wherein the tightening portion has a shape which is curved upward in the vicinity of the upper parts of the buttocks of the wearer when the garment is being worn.

Claim 9 (Previously Presented): The crotch-possessing corrective garment according to claim 1, wherein, when the garment is being worn, the tightening portion comprises:

an upper side tightening portion positioned on an upper side; and
a lower side tightening portion which is positioned on a lower side and has a strong tightening force.

Claim 10 (Previously Presented): The crotch-possessing corrective garment according to claim 1, wherein the tightening portion forms a belt shape.

Claim 11 (Previously Presented): The crotch-possessing corrective garment according to claim 1, wherein the tightening portion is formed through power change in a single piece of knitted fabric.

Claim 12 (Previously Presented): The crotch-possessing corrective garment according to claim 1, wherein the crotch-possessing corrective garment is any one of a girdle, spats, a bathing suit, tights, a pantyhose, sports tights, a leotard, a body suit, and men's pants.

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): The crotch-possessing corrective garment according to claim 3, wherein magnitudes of compression tightening forces of the tightening portions vary ~~along the areas~~.

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): The crotch-possessing corrective garment according to claim 13, wherein the compression tightening forces of the tightening portions are strongest in the vicinity of the upper part of the buttocks cleft of the wearer.

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): The crotch-possessing corrective garment according to claim 14, wherein the compression tightening forces of the tightening portions gradually weaken in directions passing the vicinities of the upper parts of the right and left buttocks of the wearer and extending toward the vicinities of the right and left greater trochanters of the wearer.

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): The crotch-possessing corrective garment according to claim 3, further comprising thigh portions which fit over the wearer's thighs, wherein the tightening portions further extend from the vicinities of the greater trochanters of the wearer along the outer borders of the thigh portions of the wearer.

Claim 17 (Currently Amended): The crotch-possessing corrective garment according to claim 16, wherein the tightening portions further reach ankles of the wearer.

Claim 18 (Previously Presented): The crotch-possessing corrective garment according to claim 3, wherein, when the garment is being worn, each of the tightening portions comprises:

an upper side tightening portion positioned on an upper side; and
a lower side tightening portion which is positioned on a lower side and has a strong tightening force.

Claim 19 (Previously Presented): The crotch-possessing corrective garment according to claim 3, wherein the tightening portions are formed through power change in a single piece of knitted fabric.

Claim 20 (Previously Presented): The crotch-possessing corrective garment according to claim 3, wherein the crotch-possessing corrective garment is any one of a girdle, spats, a bathing suit, tights, a pantyhose, sports tights, a leotard, a body suit, and men's pants.